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New Delhi

February 7, 1953.

My dear Rajpramukh,

You were good enough to leave with me proof copy of your proposed book on Africa. I have had this book read in the Ministry of External Affairs. In the note they have sent me, they have suggested that perhaps you might refer in the book to our general policy. This is to encourage Indians in Africa to cooperate with the indigenous population in all fields of activity. This policy is not only based on the principles we hold but is the only practical one. Indian interests in Africa cannot prosper ultimately without the cooperation of the Africans. It should be our endeavour, therefore, to bring about this cooperation and to help the Africans to develop themselves in every way. Our economic and commercial activity there should also have this aim in view. Whenever the Government of India considers the question of assistance, it tries to do so to promote Indo-African economic and commercial cooperation.

I am told that your book is an able survey of the economic and commercial possibilities in Africa and a plea for greater Indo-African trade. I hope you will publish this book.

I was happy to meet you here.

With all good wishes.

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Yours sincerely,

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